

REMARKS

1. RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

As required by the Office Action, Applicant hereby elects for prosecution Group V, claims 258-261. Applicants note that the restriction requirement improperly omits from consideration claims 263-266, which were presented in a second preliminary amendment filed on or about April 3, 2002. Applicant further notes that claim 262 depends from claim 212, which is purported to reside in Group I. Therefore, Group V would not appear to properly include claim 262. Likewise, the status of claims 263-266 is unclear. Accordingly, Applicants are withdrawing these claims, but are holding cancellation thereof in abeyance until the Examiner clarifies the restriction requirement as to claims 262-266.

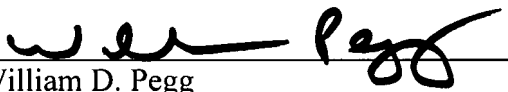
Claims 212-257 are hereby cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. The Applicants reserve the right to file the cancelled claims in a divisional application.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

It is believed that no fees are due; however, should any additional fees be required (except for payment of the issue fee), the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Nixon Peabody LLP Deposit Account No. 50-4181, Order No. 247171-000373USD1.

Respectfully submitted,

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